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The long-promised "History of the City of Lincoln" has come from the press. The title page bears the names of A. B. Hayes and Sam D. Cox as authors, but the latter surrendered his interest early in the work of preparation and Mr. Hayes employed Richard L. Rowe. The literary work, therefore, is essentially that of Mr. Hayes and Mr. Rowe. The former was the guiding spirit and he had an admirable assistant in Mr. Rowe, who is endowed with an instance on exactness in the statement of historical facts. Both are newspaper men and they have produced a book with many excellences. There is no scope in a local history for the literary grandeur of a more general work. It is not a record to be read and reread for its diction, its philosophy or its imagery. The local history is properly the preserving record of events and their human associates for the benefit of after comers who may wish to rake the dead leaves of the past for data for historical purposes, for newspaper comment, for family history or for mere curiosity. Too often it is the graveyard of human vanity—row upon row of headstones, each inscribing the name and virtues of some seeker after immortality through the gate of printer's ink. But the Lincoln history is more and less than the ordinary work of its kind. It is more than a chronological table and less than a biographical gazetteer. The compilers had the benefit of personal association with pioneers of the city, and the statements of these first settlers give the work a personal color, a reminiscence flavor usually lacking in the dull and dreary histories gotten out by some-and-go-fakirs. It is not a stately march of events nor a pompous flow of language, but it has a little more of human interest than a cemetery. The work contains a few portraits and biographies, but they are those of men who have been prominent in the political or material growth of the city. It is quite evident that the book has not been made the sewer of nauseous eulogy for every man who would pay the price. Mr. Hayes seems to have made a sincere effort to produce an honest work, a book whose contents would not belie its title page. From a hasty scanning of its pages one is struck by how accurate or how complete it is in its historical data, but so much good sense has been displayed in the particulars mentioned above that it seems likely the work has been well done in other respects. The book has nearly 400 pages, is printed on heavy tinted paper from large new type and is well bound. From a casual examination it appears to be far superior in all ways to the histories gotten out by tramps.

Pleasant Hour Seniors (just reorganized for the season)—Is the *State Journal* alive? Journal—Here. P. H. S.—What have you said about us? Journal—We have made the fifteenth annual announcement that the Pleasant Hours begin the season with bright prospects. P. H. S.—Then on with the dance.

The rise and tendency of the tank drama might furnish fitting theme for pedant or philosopher. In "Lost in New York" Lincoln saw one of the highest exponents of the modern development of realism. It is a too obvious fact to need argument that the staging of a play should imitate the conditions which it reflects. It is not always possible, sometimes is not attempted, to copy with any degree of accuracy the costumes and other accessories of the scenes depicted. But this cannot be urged against the tank drama. The human heart yearns for things that are "true to life." We older people can recall the introduction of real blood-bounds into "Uncle Tom," and the consequent blood-curdling thrill is a sensation not yet entirely forgotten. We can trace the rise of realism through real donkeys, real fountains and real "spinning wheels," specially imported from Europe, to real tanks and real water. We older people who used water before it went out of style can testify that the water used in "Lost in New York" was true to life. Real water is always used, and whenever you see water, you may know that it is the genuine thing. Unlike the weather there is no wetter or wettest water. The wetness of its wet is simple and unadorned, and you never see real water without it. These natural and historical facts should be borne in mind by those of the present generation who are interested in the reproductive accuracy of the drama. But the realism of "Lost in New York" did not stop at real water. There was a real boat that moved about on the surface of the real water and we have indisputable evidence in history that boats were made to float in water. The boat had a real whistle that was operated by real steam, which we know was in use at the time represented in the play. From mechanical drawings that have escaped the jaws of oblivion it is known that the initial action of the whistle was communicated through a lever, and the boat in "Lost in New York" had a real lever. Thus we see that the tank drama has carried out realism to the minutest details. It is true that the creature encased in real rubber, which knelt in the bottom of the real river and went through the motions of seeking a meal over a real fire that behind and of a real canoe, was beyond the range of the knowledge of the oldest of us, but the sea has many strange monsters, and we are willing to take him on trust. The carpenter and the tinsmith who constructed the tank would scarcely endanger their reputation for realism by putting such a creature into their performance without the warrant of history for its being. But we can easily see that heights yet remain for realism to scale. It is a fair criticism on this play that the streets of New York represented in it were not real streets, and in the absence of real streets there could be no real cobblestones. But realism is of gradual growth, and we are now in the stage of development. In due course of time we may be able to trace the evolution of real actors from the tank drama. It already affords us real babies, and in the natural course of events they will grow into something or other. The infant of "Lost in New York" is a puny thing, but a nursing youngster that can get off real slang like "you bet" is not good enough to die. In short, the possibilities of realism under the stimulating influence of

the tank drama are almost beyond human comprehension. If the hope of real actors be thought the fancy of a fevered imagination, what shall be said of the prediction that the time will come when real air will be breathed? And yet strange things are coming to pass in these days.

The transfer of the Omaha *Republican* to the owner of the *Evening Dispatch* is the latest of recent newspaper surprises. And the fellows whose vanities had been lanced by Fred Nye's pen are puffed up bigger than ever before with the mean little satisfaction of saying "I told you so." They are nursing the impression that the sale of the *Republican* was a collapse of Nye. This is not fair. The facts are not as dishonest nor as ungenerous. The paper was owned by Fred Nye and Frank Johnson, and the latter held the controlling interest. By the embroilment and suicide of a partner in a bank at Sidney, Johnson had an indebtedness of forty or fifty thousand dollars saddled on him. With the necessity of immediately raising a large sum in cash, bankruptcy stared him in the face, and he forced the sale of the *Republican* to save himself. Knowing that the buyer would have a controlling interest, Nye had his holding included in the trade. It was the only thing for a man of his temper to do. Nye was the victim of circumstance. But his too volatile a spirit to be kept long under repression.

One of the bits of gossip set afloat by the sale of the *Republican* is the report that Mr. Rosewater of the *Bee* made Mr. Hitchcock of the *Herald* a proposition to buy the *Republican* and suppress it. Mr. Rosewater, so it is said, offered to put \$30,000 into a pot for that purpose if Mr. Hitchcock would contribute \$15,000. The latter declined. By getting control of the *Republican's* Associated Press franchise the *Bee* and the *Herald* could have prevented any other strong competitor from entering the field. True or not, the story is characteristic of Mr. Rosewater. As it is, Mr. Wilcox of the *Dispatch* is a man of large resources and seems to have a bulldog tenacity that may give the other papers a long and lively tug.

Speaking of franchises, the *Bee* had a chance a few years ago to buy the United Press for \$1,500. He is sorry now that he didn't. It couldn't be bought now for less than \$10,000, even if the *Herald*, which afterwards bought it, should waive its objections. The United is giving as good a service all around as the Associated, and in some respects a better one. For example, if a paper want a fuller account of an event than is furnished in the regular report the United will detail a man specially to gather the additional matter. The *Bee* supplements its regular reports with specials that more than make up deficiencies—but specials are expensive.

Appropos of the subject, the *State Journal* receives both the Associated and the United Press reports, and consequently has a strong telegraphic news service. Whether the *Journal* owns the franchises or merely receives the reports by subscription is a disputed question outside its office.

Readers of the *Courier* should remember that this paper is always glad to receive news of social happenings and personal movements. No one person can know of everything going on in a city of Lincoln's size, and it is only by the kindly assistance of friends that a paper can make a tolerably complete record of passing events. Never hesitate to give the *Courier* a social or personal item.

PERSONAL

Mrs. John M. Cotton has returned from Indiana accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Johnson of Logansport.

Mrs. Jessie Moore held the lucky ticket that drew Manager McReynolds' home in connection with "Lost in New York."

Prof. and Mrs. Adolph Weber are home from their European visit. They have not yet decided on their future location.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zebrung, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mookett and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. R. Miller returned from Washington Thursday.

Mrs. W. S. Huffman and daughters have returned from Quincy, where Mr. H. has been engaged in a side issue for two months. Mr. VanDusen, the efficient manager of Miller & Paine's glove department, is in Chicago on a trip combining business and pleasure.

James Keith, now of Omaha, has on the Fifteenth street side of Boyd's opera house one of the neatest cigar and news stands in the city.

The *Courier* learns that Mr. E. S. Hawley and family of Nebraska City will on November first become residents of the Capital City. Leaving Otero's county seat after having resided there for nearly twenty years, Lincoln should feel proud of the new acquisition to its ranks of prominent business men. Mr. Hawley went to Nebraska City and engaged in the hardware and implement business when it was but a village, and in fact, when all Nebraska did not contain many more people than Lincoln does today. He saw that city and the state grew, stood by the old river town when its best opportunities were offered and refused, when Lincoln was nothing and Nebraska City great. But, alas! this is a picture that our unfortunate neighbors do not like to look back upon. Now the tables are reversed, and it is to be regretted that such is the case. Nebraska City in the early days had a brighter prospect than any town in the state has today, but unlike the spirit of these times, she was slow to improve the opportunities offered her. But why recall unpleasant bygone days, and that which "might have been." We are pleased to know that Mr. Hawley and his estimable lady will be of us and therefore welcome the family to this community. Mr. and Mrs. Hawley are by no means strangers in Lincoln, having frequently visited here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Brock, the latter being a sister of Mrs. Hawley.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The hospitable Ziener home was thrown open Wednesday evening for the third time in as many weeks, and Miss Gertrude Ziener entertained her young friends. The Ziener home is nothing if not original, but this latest entertainment embodied more than the usual number of novel sensations for the guests. The invitations prescribed costumes of pillow cases and sheets, and during the early part of the evening the young people looked like so many phantoms. Male and female appeared alike, but they danced and tried to penetrate each other's secrets, resulting in a great many amusing situations. After an hour or so of mystery the company unmasked, and then there was the liveliest of chatter in comparing notes. Luncheon was announced, and on entering the dining room a scene was presented that kept everybody in the merriest of moods. Mr. Ziener has a fund of dry humor and a keen sense of the ridiculous, even in his own business. In one end of the room he had constructed an excellent imitation of a railroad lunch counter. It was loaded with candy, and a row of high stools afforded the customers seats. With a lively recollection he let his imagination roam about the realm of fancy, and the result was a shower of placards tacked all over the walls. They pointed many a laughing jest, and started a flood of repartee that engulfed the whole company. Following were some of the placards: The Loo-Loo Restaurant—Meals at all hours—Grand closing out sale of baked beans—Attend our great auction sale of Pig's Feet—A prize Collier Button in every tenth plate of Soup—Try our Biscuits for Snickers—Two doughnuts and a shave for a dime—Communion tickets \$5 for \$11.50—Liver almost given away—We defy competition on our Fried Eggs—Great bargains in pie—A few remnants of tripe, head tea and soup bones at half price today—A tinsy type with every sandwich—Look at our 5c counter for bargains in Fish Balls—1-4 off on buckwheat cakes—Examine our Irish stew before purchasing elsewhere—Last season's sponge cake to be closed out regardless of cost—21 meal tickets for \$2—Our shaved butter can't be beat—A gallon of cider with every straw—A Wienerwurst given to every customer—Coffee in tea cups at a great sacrifice—A fried oyster with every bottle of ink—An opera glass with every oyster—Mush with mayonnaise dressing—Beware of Pickpockets!—Put your valuables in the safe, otherwise we are not responsible—Wipe your feet—Do not blow out the gas—Do not spit on the floor—Insure your lives! Do not fail to get an accident policy, corner O and Tenth streets! The lunch counter proved a popular thing, but those who found the stools all occupied were accommodated at small tables and all were served with a bountiful supply of good things. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. The three parlors, cleared of furniture, were canvassed and Miss Willoughby presided at the piano. The phantom party proved a very happy affair throughout. Among those present were: Messrs. Will Clarke, Chas. Burr, Charles Hall, R. D. Muir, Henry Hicks, Robt. Richter, John Stout, Clarence Smith, Lew Marshall, Rigger, Scott, Oscar Funke, Carey Carper, Frank Everts, John Dorgan, Weekbauch, Steve Langworthy, Geo. Foreman, Frank Walton, Joe Mallin, Charles Hammond, Frank Hathaway, W. F. Myer, Frank Gruinger of Omaha, Misses Martha Funke, Lona Giles, Mamie Lillibridge, Carrie and Hattie Leland, Hossack, Lillie Hathaway, Vera Loomis, Grace Griffith, Maud Burr, Gertrude Marquette, Alice and Katie Cowdry, Ollie Latta, Aileen Oakley, Clarice Pace, Gertrude Law, Fannie Reed, Minnie DePue, Lulu Gruinger.

The dancing party given at Temple hall Friday evening by the Pleasant Hour Juniors was a farewell to Miss Lona Giles was a most flattering tribute to that young lady's popularity. Miss Giles has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. C. Burr, for nearly a year and a half, but leaves next Monday for her home in the new state of Washington. With attractive personal charms she combines lovely manners and sweet winsomeness in an unusual degree. The compliment paid her by the young gentlemen was a handsome, sincere testimonial, and it could not have been bestowed more worthily. The assembly was a bright and happy affair. The Juniors were out in force, and comfortably filled the hall without crowding. The ladies were mostly in evening gowns of light colors, and of course the gentlemen were arrayed in the conventional swallow tail and broad expanse of linen, with the exception of Mr. Charles Burr, who was in his cadet uniform. Miss Giles wore a black lace gown with a corsage bouquet of Bennett roses, and beamed with the happiness of the hour. It was a pretty party, a joyful affair throughout. The participants were: Mr. and Mrs. John S. West, Messrs. R. D. Muir, Charles Hall, A. C. Carper, Frank Hathaway, Lew Marshall, Geo. Holden, John Stout, Chas. Burr, Will Clark, Frank Burr, Frank Everts, Will Hammond, J. T. Dorgan, Fred Houtz, Ervin Winger, Bert Wheeler, C. B. Andrus, Charles Clark, John McBride, Elmer Henkle of Omaha and Joseph Mallin of Kearney, Misses Lona Giles, Lily Hathaway, Olive Latta, Gertrude Ziener, Gertrude Laws, Clarice Pace, Nellie White, Hattie Leland, Carrie Hill, Bertie McBride, Maud Burr, Hattie Hooper, Martha Funke, Maud Hammond, Lulu Clark, May Burr, Alice Cowdry, Fritza Barnard of Omaha, Miss Hoover of Brownville, Nebraska, Miss Hossack of Ottawa, Ill. Quite a number of spectators were present, among them being Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burr, Mrs. C. C. Burr, General and Mrs. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hathaway, Mrs. Chas. Hammond, Mrs. Leland, Misses Minnie Latta and Clara Leland, Messrs. Geo. N. Foreman and Wm. F. Meyer.

The Elks have just decided on an important change in club rooms. In the old quarters the kitchen conveniences were unsatisfactory, and one apartment had to serve for both card and dining rooms. The club has been waiting for new rooms that would better suit its purposes, and a lease has just been made that will secure the desired accommodations. The club has leased the third floor, 35118, of the new Harris block on N street opposite the new Exposition. By engaging these quarters while in process of construction the Elks are enabled to have the space partitioned to their

liking, and the size of the place gives them ample room. They will have a parlor 33x40, two card rooms each 17x13, a billiard room 17x37, a dining room 17x30 and a kitchen 17x12, the first figures in each case indicating the measure across the building. There will also be a hall from the parlor to the rear that will be carpeted and made to serve as a cloak and reception room. The rooms will be handsomely furnished, and the members are especially pleased with their improved grill room facilities. The building has windows on three sides, and will be heated by steam and lighted by electricity. With the single exception of an additional flight of stairs, the new quarters will be superior in every way to the old. The gentlemen who have been instrumental in bringing about the change have also made a shrewd financial transaction. The club has been running under an expense of about \$25 a month, but the new arrangement will cut the bills to considerably less than half that amount. The Elks express much satisfaction over the change and are already taking a prospective pride in quarters which they can show friends without an apology. The present rooms will be given up at the end of this month. The new quarters may not be ready until the middle or last of November, and will probably be dedicated with a ladies' social.

The dancing season is fairly upon us, and to judge from the number of clubs being organized Lincoln will send an unusual number of worshippers to the shrine of Terpsichore this winter. The organization of the Junior "Pleasant Hours" and the Calumets has already been noticed. At a meeting held in Hardy & Pitcher's office last Saturday evening the seniors prepared for the coming campaign by selecting the following officers: President, Wm. E. Hardy; vice president, Frank E. Smith; secretary, A. B. Law; treasurer, W. B. McArthur; master of ceremonies, Geo. N. Foreman; executive committee, C. S. Lippincott, H. P. Foster and Harry J. Hall. No date was fixed for the first party, but the sentiment seemed to favor an evening in the early part of November. The executive committee was empowered to fix dates, select a hall and engage music. They will examine the new Evening hall on O street with a view to its use. The seniors are counting on all the old members who are in the city, and have seven applications for the eight or ten vacancies made by the removal of members. Other applications will undoubtedly come in before the dancing begins. Every season for fifteen years the seniors have started out "with bright prospects," according to the *Journal*, and society has the cheering assurance of that paper that this season's beginning is no exception. The seniors have made an excellent selection for master of ceremonies. The geniality and good nature of Mr. Foreman will be effective elements in the smooth and graceful management of the floor.

Miss Josephine Lottridge celebrated her fourteenth birthday Wednesday evening at her home, 1215 T street, by a lovely party to her young friends. The evening's program included music and dancing until the conclusion of Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bierworth, aided by Miss Hayde Bierworth. The house was prettily decorated and delicious ices and cakes added their share to the attractions. The young folks had a right merry evening of it, and the little hostess was greatly pleased by the presence of two friends from Raymond, Mr. Cameron and Mr. Inkster. Miss Lottridge's company of guests included: Misses Jennie Stewart, Hayde Bierworth, Stella Jurice, Lottie Thiers, Maud Oakley, Grace Oakley, May Burr, Grace Burr, Rachel Brock, Lucy Griffith, May Moore, Libbie Seacrest, Stella Elliott, Una Imhoff, Lizzie Ramsey, Grace Ramsey, Minnie Clements, Stella Irvine, Ella Pound, Agnes Sewell, Mabel Richards, Tula Raymond, Jennie Bell, Katie Kleutsch, Bessie Munson, Dorra Harley, Rose Foster, Marie Marshall, Bessie Hedger, May Kimerer, Maud Hawley, Maud Berk, Bessie McDill; Masters Oliver Lansing, Harry Lansing, George Kleutsch, Ward Pershing, Harry Grupe, Arthur Munson, Frank Berkey, John Hawley, George McDill, Fred Clements, Park Garrouette, Laurie Barnes.

The A. T. L. (All to Learn) club has been reorganized for the coming season under the name of the Capital City Comus Club. Its membership is limited to forty. It already has thirty-seven names on its list, with several applications to be passed on. The club will have ten parties at intervals of two weeks. The first will be given next Tuesday at Temple hall. This club has adopted the rule that no member will be admitted to the privileges of the floor unless he has been accompanied to the hall by a lady. This ought effectually to squelch the stags. Following are the officers and members of the Comus: P. G. Bird, president; M. L. Blackburn, secretary; J. L. Codrington, treasurer; Frank Parks, W. A. Seitz, M. Stackhouse, E. Mitchell, committee on reception; Wm. Griffith, sergeant-at-arms; Will Reynolds, Bert Landers, Bert Blake, Jno. Riverdale, J. B. Nabenda, C. H. Jenkins, W. E. Leach, F. M. Taden, John M. Meyers, Will E. Knight, Chas. S. Radmore, P. A. Sommerlad, Ray Winslow, M. Stewart, John Leister, L. H. Trester, W. E. Graves, E. E. Chamberlain, Charles Whackenhagen, Harry Brown, H. L. Laird, John Moore, Messrs. Foxworthy, Burks, Lottridge, Barnes, Brinton, Bottcher, Parmelee.

The pronouncement of the contracting parties made the wedding of Thursday afternoon a notable event, but it was so unostentatious as to be simplicity itself. The bridegroom was Mr. Roscoe A. Perry, of the wholesale grocery firm of Plummer, Perry & Co., and the bride was Miss Dora Howell, sister of Mrs. H. Harley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lewis Gregory at the Harley home, at five o'clock in the afternoon. The bride was attired in a white silk. The guests were limited to relatives and neighbors. Only verbal invitations were given out, but about sixty persons were present to witness the solemn but happy service. From abroad were Mrs. Nathan Ford and son of St. Paul, Minn., and Lieut. and Mrs. Dudley, enroute to Ft. Leavenworth. Mr. and Mrs. Perry left on the Elkhorn's evening train for Chicago. Beyond that, their route was indefinite but will probably extend to New York. They are expected home about a month hence and will occupy a home at 1305 H street. The bride was favored

with a light number of costly remembrances, and it was noticeable that most of them were small pieces of gold or solid silver or choice etchings.

Miss Edith Russell's art reception last Saturday attracted a large number of ladies and a sprinkling of the sterner sex. Miss Russell's three rooms in the Jones block, corner P and Twelfth streets, were thrown wide open, and on entering the visitors found all of them generously decked with the product of the occupant's brush. There were examples in oil, water color, pastel and crayon. Among the work were "A November Scene," "Cupid on a Vacation" and "The Daffodil Girl." The first of the three was a particularly effective piece. It represented a dense forest with a wood road giving a vista far into its depths while a purling brook in the foreground gave a bit of light to relieve the sombre shade of the woods. There was also a large display of decorated china, which showed Miss Russell's art at its best. The flower work was exquisite and two pieces bearing the busts of female figures were noticeably fine. There were also landscapes on china and the several pastels also took scores from nature for their subjects. During the afternoon the guests enjoyed the additional attraction of a musical program by Miss Cochran, Prof. Menzendorf and Prof. Termeihen.

Mrs. Wm. L. Van Alstyne has kept open studio for the past three days, and her work room in the Ledwith block has been visited by a great many ladies to get a view of her new painting, just finished. It is entitled "Nymphs Bathing," being a copy of W. Bouguereau's picture that was sold at Washington in 1884 for \$30,000. It shows the nude figures of thirteen nymphs grouped in a variety of attitudes about a pool in a rocky grotto, while Pan is seen peeping through the foliage of a clump of trees at one side. The artist has used transparent colors in the treatment of the figures, producing light and soft tints of flesh effect. She has departed from the original in some details, but the picture has won unqualified praise from the visitors. Mrs. Van Alstyne has been exceptionally successful in financial as well as artistic results. Like her previous oil, "Nymphs Bathing" was painted on a special commission and it will bring its artist a handsome sum.

The York club, one of the jolliest of last year's dancing organizations, held a meeting Tuesday evening and made plans for the coming season. The club will give eight parties, beginning next Friday evening at Temple hall, but may change to another hall later on. Following are the officers and members: President, Kent Binford; secretary, A. C. Cope; treasurer, Eugene Heaton; master of ceremonies, Fred. A. Hallett; executive committee, K. C. Binford, Mark Woods and W. C. Bigger; members, E. E. Gillespie, J. W. McCroskey, J. Shannon, J. F. Dorgan, C. C. Camp, Russell Brydon, W. Johnson, W. Clark, Guy Hall, Fred Gadd, O. A. Frow, Geo. Covert, M. R. Teasdale, W. Shannon, J. Smith, J. S. Perry, Francis Tucker, J. T. Pumpelly, Tom Wing, H. LaMaster, H. K. Heffelman, Floyd Seybolt, Bert Bonnell, Geo. Tinker.

On Saturday afternoon of last week Mrs. F. A. Brown, of 922 South Twentieth street, gave an elegant lunch to a number of ladies, in which she excelled herself. The repast, in variety of dishes, attractiveness of setting, richness and delicacy of epicurean flavor, was superb and won the highest encomiums of her guests. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Dr. Manning and Mrs. W. A. Lindley. Below are the names of the ladies present: Mesdames F. M. Gregg, Geo. H. Clark, W. E. Kiker, T. F. Leach, J. J. Gillilan, A. H. Weir, C. F. Rogers, O. C. Bell, A. S. Tweed, J. H. Doty, A. H. Dorris, J. R. Clark, W. R. Cambridge, F. M. Beatty, F. S. Kelley, E. Stout, A. H. Leirs, E. Hallett, J. A. Maul, G. K. Brown, H. Johnson, A. T. Leming, B. F. Cowdry, J. A. Lippincott, J. Swann, Mrs. Dr. Casselber, Mrs. Dr. Marine, Misses Carrie Dennis and Mabel Lindley.

The F Street Card club met last evening at the home of Hon. and Mrs. Thomas H. Benton and reorganized for the coming season with the following officers and members: President, Mrs. A. J. Sawyer; secretary, Mrs. C. B. Manning; executive committee, Mesdames A. J. Sawyer, C. B. Manning, T. H. Benton, B. R. Cowdery and Jos. Swan; members, Messrs. and Mesdames A. J. Sawyer, Jno. R. Clark, T. H. Benton, B. R. Cowdery, Geo. Scott, C. B. Manning, F. A. Brown, F. A. Boesher, I. H. Johnson, L. C. Clark, F. N. Schus, W. C. Mills, H. M. Casselber, W. A. Warren, Jos. Swan, J. M. Tipling, Wm. H. Weaver, Messrs. M. I. Aitkin, Fred Hutchins and J. T. Stobbs, Mrs. Jennie Hard, Miss Jennie M. Parker and Miss Stobbs. The second meeting will be held next Friday evening at the residence of Mr. John R. Clark.

Over six hundred tickets had been sold for the policemen's fifth annual ball, and the result was a success quite up to the most sanguine expectations. Temple hall was filled to overflowing Tuesday night, and probably no company ever assembled within its walls ever had a gayier time. Officer George F. Sipe acted as master of ceremonies. Messrs. Thomas Noonan and Frank Secor made efficient floor managers. The grand march was led by Marshal Carlier and lady. An incident of the evening was the presentation of a gold-headed cane to the marshal, to whom it came as a surprise. Hon. G. M. Lamberton made the speech on behalf of the members of the police force.

The German Catholics have occupied Bohann's hall this week with a successful fair. A number of articles have been disposed of by "chance" or by votes. Mr. Fred Krone won a toilet case, Henry Volsted a smoking set and Jacob Andie an oriental tree. S. W. Burnham and Joseph Wittman, candidates for county treasurer, were rivals for a gold headed cane. Misses Thersa Hecter and Lily Itony were candidates for a gold watch and John Butler and Herman Hendry for a saddle and bridle. Thursday evening a concert was given with some of the leading talent of the city.

At the opening session of her class Monday evening a teacher exhibited several of the new dances used in the east. Among those present were Messrs. Frank Hathaway, Will and Charles Clark, Charles and Frank Burr, R. D. Muir, C. Y. Smith, A. B. Law, A. C. Carper, John Stout, Frank Smith,

Charles Hall, George Holden, Frank Walton and John Thayer, Miss Haddock of Ottawa, Ill., the Misses Leland, the Misses Mullen, Misses Lily Hathaway, Minnie Mater, Olive Latta, Lona Giles, Hattie Hooper, Alice Cowdry and Chic Brown.

Mr. J. A. Mahler, the most successful teacher of dancing Lincoln has ever known, has signified his intention of returning to this city soon to give another series of lessons. Mr. Mahler's qualifications as an instructor in this popular art are well known to all residents of the Capital City, and therefore it will wait for him. Many of the best dancers in Lincoln today owe their knowledge of this social accomplishment to his training, and his scholars in the past are his best references.

Miss Anna Barr gave a pleasant card party Thursday evening in honor of Miss Lou Van Valkenburg of Lockport, N. Y., the visiting friend of Miss Clara Walsh. The company was Messrs. H. J. Hall, Hal Northam, H. C. Patterson, Hal Young, A. C. Carper, J. B. Cunningham, Frank Evans and W. Morton Smith, Misses Dena Loomis, Ethel Marsland, Grace Griffith, Maud Smith, Lizzie Bonnell, Clara Walsh, Lou Van Valkenburg.

Cards were issued last Saturday for the wedding of Mr. J. W. Maxwell, assistant cashier of the Capital National bank, and Miss Belle Oakley. The ceremony will be performed at half past six next Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Oakley, on M street, and will be followed by a reception in the residence adjoining.

Mrs. Huron of Topeka, Mrs. Shelley of Wyomere and Miss Swaney, late a missionary in Mexico, were in the city Monday on their way home from the missionary meeting at Fremont. In the evening the Methodist ladies tendered them a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Calvert on H street. It was an informal affair and there were about fifty callers.

Cards are out for a reception for next Thursday afternoon, to be given by Mrs. J. K. Hayden from three to six, in honor of visiting ladies, Mrs. G. A. Bennett and Mrs. Mary E. Hayden of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. A. Patterson of Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Maul entertained the following friends at a card party Wednesday evening at their home on J street: Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Lowery, Mr. George Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, Messrs. Fred Howe and J. S. Stobbs and Miss Maud Stobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Green gave a reception Thursday evening, and pleasantly entertained about forty friends. One of the incidents of the entertainment was the display of pictures and bric-a-brac brought from Europe on their recent trip.

The young people of the First Congregational church gave a surprise reception Thursday evening to Rev. Lewis Gregory, who had just returned from the Congregational council at Worcester, Mass.

Dr. E. L. Holyoke and Miss Grace Snelling, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Wm. H. Snelling, will be married next Tuesday evening. It will be a quiet home wedding in the presence of a very small company.

The ladies of the Second Presbyterian church gave a supper and social Wednesday evening that was largely attended by First church people and proved one of the most successful affairs yet undertaken.

Mrs. J. H. Harley gave an afternoon reception from 3 to 6 yesterday to a number of ladies in honor of Mrs. Lieut. Dudley, who is in Lincoln a few days enroute with her husband to Ft. Leavenworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed R. Sizer entertained a number of friends at their home, 1740 D street, Thursday evening, in honor of their guest, Mrs. W. B. Miller of Aurora, Ill.

Lieutenant T. W. Griffith, commandant of the University cadets, has just been notified of his promotion to the position of first lieutenant in the Eighteenth infantry.

Mr. George A. Hagensick was "surprised" by friends Thursday evening and presented with a gold-headed cane to mark his thirty-eighth year.

Miss E. D. Vail is conducting a society department in the Saturday issue of the *Beatrice Express*, and the work seems to be cleverly done.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Yates have been entertaining S. F. Shaw and daughter of Parkersburg, W. Va. Mr. Shaw is president of a railroad.

Miss Maggie Slade celebrated her eighth birthday with a party last Saturday afternoon and received a number of gifts from her guests.

The Young Man's Social club held its second party at Temple hall Thursday evening with about twenty-five couples present.

Mrs. Emma Manchester was pleasantly "surprised" Monday evening by the members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Miss Gertrude Smith gave a pleasant birthday party Tuesday evening at her home, Twenty-third and Washington streets.

Miss Artie Cody, daughter of "Buffalo Bill," is expected to visit Lincoln friends the latter part of the month.

Miss Alice Hymer of Twenty-eighth and W streets entertained a gay company of young people Saturday evening.

A. C. Carper's mother, who came from Burlington, Iowa, for a few days' visit, went to Kansas City Monday.

The quiver Pleasant Hours will hold a business meeting at 7:30 this evening at Hardy & Pitcher's store.

Wedding Cake boxes, small or large, plain and ornamental, in great variety at Wessel Printing Co's.

The Elks are talking up a social session in connection with a prospective minstrel show. The Trinity M. E. church people gave a reception last night for Rev. H. T. Davis.

Miss Maggie Hallett entertained a small company at cards Monday evening.

John West has been added to the membership of the Junior Pleasant Hours.

The Calumet club will dance at Temple hall next Thursday evening. Miss Bessie Mendenhall gave a card party last evening.

The Boston Shoe Store calls attention to its new advertisement in this issue.

School Shoes at Brisco & Cook's.